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# We Missed You!

Welcome back returning Vikings, and hello to the new! We are proud to be back writing for The Viking, and while new faces are seen around campus we hope to see your noses in our paper.

### Ready to Transfer?

By: Alyssa Andrews

The Grayson College Career and Transfer Center provides career and transfer advising, guidance, and testing for students and alumni who need assistance in career decision-making. Your GC career specialist is available to help you: Identify interests and skills to assist in selecting a college major and a career choice. Acquire information on learning styles, study skills, time management. Prepare for graduation

and/or transfer to

another school.

Gain credit for experience or credit by exam.

Select courses and plan an academic program.

Schedule an appointment to take advantage of these free services:
Career Advising and Exploration.
Transfer Advising.
Resume and Cover.
Letter Reviews.
Interview Preparation.
Labor Market Insights.
Job Searches.

Our University
Transfer Coach can help
you select the right
courses that will
transfer, apply to your
future bachelor's degree,
and satisfy your GC and

university degree requirements.

We also help you explore transfer destinations, identify admissions requirements, and assist with your university application. If transferring is part of your plan, we recommend you start planning early.

But wait, there's more! The GC Career and Transfer Center hosts events throughout the year for students and alumni. Visit the GC Career and Transfer Center webpage at <a href="https://www.grayson.edu/gettingstarted/advising/career-center/index.html">html</a> for dates & times.

You can also schedule an appointment with a Career and Transfer Center staff member through this link.

And to our faculty-We are available for classroom presentations as well. Need to be out for a day? Don't cancel class.....call us! We are happy to step in and present to your students.

Please reach out to us so that we can help you with all of your career and transfer needs!

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# Your Move...

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### TRIO

By: Jackeline Delgado Valdez

Grayson College TRIO Student **Support Services** (SSS) is a great resource to help students succeed in college and beyond! TRIO's mission for Grayson Vikings is to help succeed in college, graduate, and continue education or career journey with confidence by providing academic and career advice, financial aid assistance, graduate school preparation and leadership development.

TRIO offers personalized support through a variety of resources. These services include:

Academic
Coaching: an advisor
will meet with a
student 1:1 to
provide
personalized support
to help students
improve their
academic
performance
~ Skill-building

Skill-building
workshops: Planned
workshops focusing
on topics that helps
students practice
and develop useful
skills such as
communication,
time
management and

leadership.

University Visits: a chance for students looking to transfer to explore campus, learn about programs and resources to help plan their transfer and future goals.



View of the TRIO SSS room walking up to it in the Main Campus Student Services building.

~ Tutoring

~ Mentoring & amp;

Transfer assistance Who's eligible?

TRIO serves
first-generation
college students,
students with
financial
need, and students
with disabilities. If
that's you, don't miss
out on the chance to
join
this empowering
program!

TRIO SSS is located in the Student Affairs Building on the Main Campus next to
Advising. It is open
Monday through
Friday from 8:00am
to 5:00pm. Students
can apply
using the QR code
provided and can
email

**SSS@grayson.edu** for any questions or information.



## West Campus Programs By: Robin Bogue

What is the Enology, Viticulture and Distillation Program?

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Robin Bogue, and I am the new Enology, Viticulture, and Distillation Professor at the West Campus, also known as the Vit Center and Distillery. I come from California's wine country with more than twenty-five years of

experience
producing wine. The
Enology, Viticulture
and Distillation
Program is located
on the hilltop by
Perrin Air Force
Base. As you drive
out FM-691, look for
the plane flying right
above our vineyard;
you can't miss us.

On this side of campus, we are multifaceted. Our vineyard is planted with grape varieties from T. V. Munson's discovery, and

creations in the 1800s along the Red River. There is also an enology classroom where we produce wine. Students start with the grapes in the vineyard, then crush and destem them in the winery. They age the wine in oak or stainless-steel vessels until it is time to bottle and enjoy. Our classes are comprehensive and cover every aspect of farming

the grapes to the production of a fine wine. We even offer a tasting class to learn about wine types and the sensory evaluation of a wine. You must be 21 years or older to imbibe.

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### Fall on the Frontier

#### By: Jocelyn Stephens

Frontier Village is
having their Fall on the
Frontier festival on
Saturday, October
25. The event will be from
4pm to 7pm and will host
a wonderful assortment of
fall festivities such as trick
or treating, old-fashioned
carnival games and food,

and a fall-themed baking contest. Don't forget to bring a little cash; while the entry fee is only \$5, there will be baked goods for sale (the profits of which will be donated to the museum).

Frontier Village is a local history museum, located in Loy Lake Park, Denison, and has some of the oldest homes

and buildings in Grayson County – with some dating back to the 1830s.

Don't miss this opportunity to support a local museum and see history and the present combine with the sweet, sweet flavor of fall.

### West Campus Program Cont.

Grayson College is one of the few colleges that has a working distillery on campus in the United States. Our classes cover a broad range of spirits like rum, tequila, gin, vodka, brandy, and cider, which are distilled on site. Again, you must be 21 years or older to imbibe.

If you are interested in Science, Botany, or Horticulture, consider working in our greenhouse and propagating vines. Or, during the growing season, assist with pruning the canopy, dropping fruit during veraison for concentrated, well-balanced grape clusters. And finally, harvest the grapes to make wine. Learn how to conduct a Brix reading and taste for yourself what a sugar reading will taste like during each stage and phase before harvest. This is open to all ages, young and older alike.

There is so much fun stuff to do on our side of campus and I hope you have a better understanding of our program. Stop by to introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you. If you would prefer setting an appointment, please call 903-463-8646. Or email **boguer@grayson.edu**.

### Writing Contest Winner

By: Katrina Miller

I was scrolling through Facebook last summer and came across the contest entry on the Plano Arts Facebook page. The prompt was to write a story of about 1,500 words about the history of Plano, Texas. You also had to mention old buildings, or perhaps the name of a real person who lived in Plano's past. The inspiration came from the TV show Dallas. Even

though the TV show was filmed in Parker, Texas, I could see an episode being filmed in Plano. My friend and I are the mods of the Van Alstyne history Facebook page, and I've always been fascinated with the old Carter Opera House in downtown Van Alstyne, which is now a dance studio. I did a bit of research and learned that Plano had an opera house, which was called the Coit Opera House. After some brainstorming, I came up with an idea. As

much as I hate to admit it, the 1970s and the 1980s are history. How about a young law student in the 1800s travels back in time and has a role on the TV show Dallas? I don't know if I could legally use the name of the TV show in my short story, so I just said "famous soap opera." To my surprise, about two months later I received an email stating that I was one of the winners of the contest. I still can't believe it.

**WINNING ESSAY LINK** 

### Museum 50th Anniversary

By: Jocelyn Stephens

The Sherman
Museum is celebrating its
50 th anniversary! This
year's display is honoring
the museum and its
collection. The building
first opened in 1915 as the
Sherman Public Library
and was funded by

Andrew Carnegie and the Shakespeare Club. The library moved to where it is now, and the building was turned into the Sherman Museum.

The museum focuses on local history, having items from Sherman, Denison, and the rest of
Grayson County on display.
One of the many permanent
displays features prehistoric
creatures including the
Acrocanthosaurus and a
small mosasaur named
Clidastes.

Other permanent displays include farm and ranch life, Woodmen Circle Home, Sophia Porter, and Olive Oatman-Fairchild.

Visit the Sherman Museum at 301 S. Walnut Street, Sherman, TX 75090. Open 10-4 Wednesday through Saturday.





# Club Meetings

#### Phi Theta Kappa

Every Tuesday 12:30pm-1:00pm Viking Room

#### **True Crime & Crafts**

Every Thursday 2:30pm-4:30pm Viking Room

#### **Pride Alliance**

Every Tuesday 10:00am-11:00am

#### **Anime Club**

Every Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm Student Life TV Room

#### **Gamers Guild**

Every Tuesday 3:00pm-5:00pm Viking Room

#### Chess

Every Monday 2:00pm-5:00pm Student Life

#### Welding

First Monday of the Month 3:30pm-4:30pm CTC Computer Lab

#### **Writers Unlimited**

Every Wednesday 12:00pm-1:00pm LA 201

#### Summit

Every Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm Baptist Student Center

#### **Lunch Bible Study**

Every Monday & Tuesday 12:15pm-12:45pm Baptist Student Center

#### **Forget**

To be human is to be ever present.

The sweet hum of morning muffled by the harsh horns of beasts cascading on the painted landscape like a waterfall-

no-

like an oil spill.

Bodies of stolen flora beheaded in ritual sacrifice while marriages of soft homes against stone and steel are anointed with poison.

#### Do not forget us.

The conversations of stars interrupted by sickly veils reeking of power and greed and-

Fear.

How many times must we shatter the cup?

Pressing jagged edge to lip

gulping her substance like honey

or blood

or hellfire.

#### Please do not forget us.

Ancient gods sunken in murky waters like golden chests with ruby locks suffocated by plastic chains and glass keys.

Imaginary lines

Guarded with shards of diamonds and rivers of gold-

Can one really eat money?

To be human is to be ever present

like a tick

or a parasite

or a ghost

or

#### a god.

-Caitlin Pickerill

# Interested in Writing for the Viking?

The Viking Staff wants to expand its coverage and the best way to do that is through teamwork!

As much fun as the newspaper is, designing, writing, and editing such a big project can become a big task for one person.

We appreciate all of your contributions and look at all of them, but we also want to feature more cover stories.

If you enjoy writing, taking pictures, and

engaging in interviews don't be afraid to reach out and become a Viking Writer! You can reach us at:

theviking@grayson.edu

# MENELD MOU!

The Viking is currently run by a freshman on campus and, the only way we can get information is if it's public or sent to us directly.

We want to be able to show of the diversity of both of our campuses, Including sports, fine arts, campus events, local events group and induvidual rewards.

If a student or organization wants to be featured in the next issue they can email us at: <a href="mailto:theviking@grayson.edu">theviking@grayson.edu</a>

We welome personal submissions, including but not limited to: poems, photos of art that was personally made, reviews over any kind of media (albums, movies, books, etc.), editorials.

If there's a new club or an old club that wants advertisement don't be afraid to email us.

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